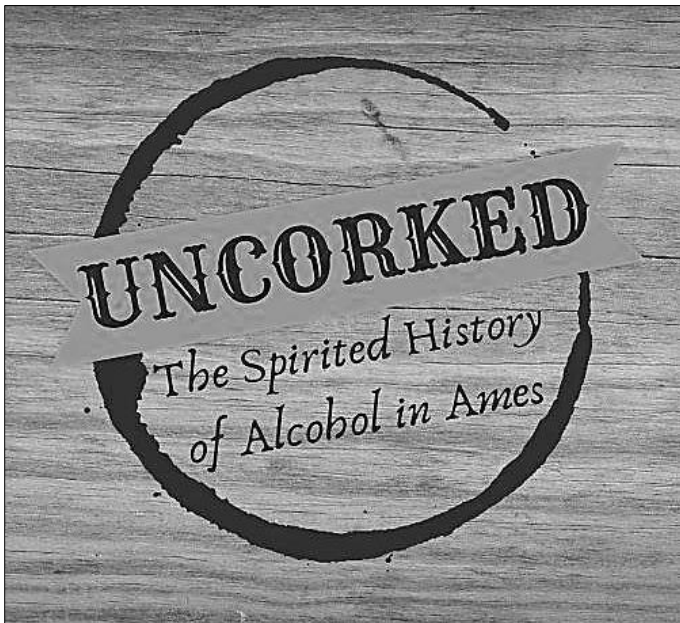


AHM AMES HISTORY MUSEUM

Ames Historical Society has a new name and new look!

Discovering our history, Preserving our past, Sharing our stories.

Announcing Our Next Exhibit!



The new exhibit at the Ames History Museum will be unveiled on August 24. **Uncorked: The Spirited History of Alcohol in Ames** will reveal the often controversial story of 'spirited' beverages in our town through time.

A hundred years ago, on January 17, 1920, the National Prohibition Act went into effect, making the United States a 'dry' country for the next thirteen years.

Although there are many good bootlegging tales, the story of alcohol and its impact on the Ames community is much larger than just the story of Prohibition.

From the founding of Ames as a dry town, to modern-era microbreweries and VEISHEA disturbances, there are unique alcohol-related stories throughout the history of our community.

The stories told in this exhibit will show the complex relationship Ames has had with alcohol throughout its history.

Exhibit highlights:

- ♦ Secret speakeasy
- ♦ Water bottle on loan from the Billy Sunday Home Museum in Winona Lake, Indiana (Sunday strongly opposed the use of alcohol)
- ♦ The story of women running a saloon out of town
- ♦ "Was it legal?" interactive quiz about Prohibition

The displays will include key artifacts, narratives based on newspaper and police reports of the times and interactive stations. The exhibit was developed by the Museum staff over a six to nine month period and was inspired by available items in the Museum's collection as well as access to relevant resource material.

'Uncorked' Festival Opener

'Uncorked' will open on **Sat., August 24, 5 to 9 pm** during an outdoor festival immediately behind the Museum on Fifth Street.

Mark your calendars and look for more information about this event on our website and on our Facebook page as the August 24 date comes closer.

This promises to be a different and fun way to introduce the new exhibit and this colorful chapter in Ames history!



Upcoming Benefit Event

**You Are Invited
To Our Annual Benefit Event!**



Borrowing the theme from our exhibit, **Uncorked**, dig out your best 1920s speakeasy costume and join us for drinks, dancing, and dinner on **Fri., August 23** at Prairie Moon Winery, 3801 West 190th St., north-west of Ames.

Social hour, raffle and dancing begin at 5:30pm; dinner, award program and live auction will begin at 6:30 pm. Members may reply with the card in the invitation that was mailed in mid-July or through the website, www.ameshistory.org.

RSVP through August 13.

Raffle ticket purchases and live auction proceeds support the mission of the Ames History Museum.

Auctioneers:

Wayne Clinton & Tracey Stoll

2019 Farwell T. Brown Award:

Mary Atherly

2019 Ames History Maker Award:

The Extended Buck Family

Raffle Items from these organizations:

- ♦ ACTORS ♦ Ames Silversmithing
- ♦ Bar La Tosca ♦ Burgie's Coffee & Tea Co.
- ♦ Everts Flowers Home & Gifts
- ♦ Fareway Meat & Grocery ♦ The Filling Station
- ♦ First National Bank ♦ Gilger Designs
- ♦ Great Plains Sauce & Dough Company
- ♦ Hickory Park Restaurant Co
- ♦ Holub Garden & Greenhouses
- ♦ Hy-Vee Drugstore ♦ Wheatsfield Co-op
- ♦ Mary Greeley Medical Center Auxiliary Gift Shop
- ♦ Mary Kay's Flowers ♦ North Cyde Kitchen & Kegs
- ♦ Photosynthesis ♦ Prairie Moon Winery

Auction Items Include:

- ♦ Iowa State Center Show Tickets
- ♦ Artwork by local artists including Linda Emmerson, Stewart Buck, Kay Wall and Sticks
- ♦ Handmade quilt by Elaine DeKovic (below. left)



- ♦ Dinner party for six hosted by chefs Terry Lowman and Mark Kassis, former owners of Lucullan's restaurant
- ♦ Iowa State football and basketball tickets

Special thanks to our event sponsors:

Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau Community Grant Program, Northcrest Community, Fred & Carol Hoiberg, Fifth Street Dental, Ames High School Alumni Association

About Our New Name

In May, the Board of Directors voted to rebrand the organization as the “Ames History Museum” to better represent the organization’s work, especially with recent high-quality exhibits in the 416 Douglas space. The legal name will remain Ames Historical Society for now, but programs, marketing and merchandise will use ‘Ames History Museum.’

More history organizations are moving away from the “historical society” designation. Younger people find the name old-fashioned and exclusive. The word “museum” appeals to a wider audience and portrays the organization as a welcoming all-ages community cornerstone. Also, the initials “AHS” have often been confused with Ames High School.

The Board hired Rippke Design of Ames to design a new logo. It is colorful, engaging, and inviting (see our website – black and white just does not do it justice). The color palette, including our signature maroon, fits in with neighboring organizations and provides more potential for marketing. The name and logo change will take place slowly over the next few months. Keep an eye out for new t-shirts, brochures and more.

Ames History Museum Board:

President: Sharon Wirth	Vice-President: Peter Hallock
Secretary: Lynette Spicer	Treasurer: Ken Cameron
Don Beitz, Bob Bourne, Wayne Clinton, Dan Franklin, Eric Hoiberg, Becky Jordan, Mary Logsdon, Bonnie Norman, Jim Popken, Ryan Riley. Monthly Board meetings are the 2nd Thursday, 7pm at 416 Douglas. Members welcome!	

Museum Staff:	Executive Director: Casie Vance
Collections Mgr: Carly Hlubek	Research & Exhibits Mgr: Alex Fejfar
Emeritus Staff: Alan Spohnheimer, Margaret Vance, Dennis Wendell	

The Ames History Museum is an incorporated, 501c3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to engage our diverse public and provide unique opportunities to learn about Ames history.

Museum: 416 Douglas, Ames, IA 50010 **Hours:** Tue. – Sat. 10 am - 4 pm
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Search ‘Ames Historical Society’ on **Instagram** and **YouTube**

The **newsletter** is published four times a year for Museum members. Direct comments and questions to: Editor, PO Box 821, Ames, IA 50010 or e-mail above. Editor: Kathy Svec

Hoggatt School is located on the grounds of Meeker School at 18th and Burnett, Ames, IA. Open Sundays, June 9 – Aug. 11; by appointment April to Oct.; closed Nov. to March.



The June 8 Ice Cream Social provided cool refreshment on a sunny Saturday. The event took place outdoors in the Museum’s parking lot and featured makings for sundaes, children’s activities sponsored by the Ames Community Arts Council and carousel organ music.



Last fall’s twice-postponed Cemetery Walk took place June 2 on a truly perfect summer day. A large crowd gathered near the Greeley mausoleum to enjoy the stories of seven notable women in Ames history. Below, left to right: Lynette Spicer as Cynthia Duff, Edna Clinton as Nancy Martin, Kathy Svec as Mary Greeley and Winifred Tilden, Sharon Wirth as Ada Hayden, Ruthellen Cunnally as Rowena Stevens and Carly Hlubek as Sarah Emery Gossard. A map guided attendees to the gravesites.



Happily, for those who were unable to attend, the program was recorded and may be viewed on YouTube. Search ‘Ames Historical Society Cemetery Walk.’

The Hoggatt School Report

Remaining 2019 Summer Programs

Sunday Open Hours are 2 - 4 pm, with programs beginning at 2:15. Free, open to the public.

August 4 - 1860s Schoolyard Games

Try your hands (and feet!) at games that students in one-room schoolhouses played at recess. Some may be recognizable, perhaps others won't.

August 11- Making Soap the Pioneer Way

Come for a hands-on experience in making soap the old-fashioned way.

After regular open hours close at 4 pm, Sunday August 11, groups may visit Hoggatt School by appointment until October 31.



Opening Day for the Hoggatt summer season was June 9.

Visitors got to tour the school, make butter from heavy cream, eat ice cream and get their photos taken. One young visitor came in full-prairie dress!

The June 27 Members After Hours was also held at Hoggatt School.



Trapped!

Storage has always been a big challenge at tiny Hoggatt School.

This summer, a trap door was built in the SW corner to provide access to the foundation space below. Now, all the non-period equipment can be stashed out of view. Tom Richards, Nevada, did the work, as he has

done for other recent renovations at the school.

Dress Ups

On Hoggatt's coat hooks are period items of clothing for ages 3 to 8. Available are knickers with suspenders, straw hats, bandanas, dresses, pinafores and bonnets. Sharon Wirth stitched up these 1860s style garments for those interested in dressing up. Great for photo ops!

Thanks to Hoggatt Presenters

June 9: Kick-Off

Ryan Riley, Casie Vance, Dan Franklin;

Music by Tom Richards (right)

June 16 & August 11: Making Soap the Pioneer Way

Shannon Bardole-Foley, Mary Logsdon

June 23 & August 4: 1860's Schoolyard Games

Ryan Riley, Jim Popken

June 30: What's in your 1860s Lunchbox?

Glenn Sibbel, Lynette Spicer

July 7: Hoggatt Spelling Bee & Cursive Handwriting

Ryan Riley, Becky Jordan

July 14: Pioneers to Present: 1860's vs. Now

Glenn Sibbel, Sharon Wirth

July 21: Make Your Own 1860's Toy

Sharon Wirth, Becky Jordan

July 28: Are You Smarter Than an 1860's 8th grader?

Peter Hallock, Sharon Wirth



Our Grateful Thanks Go To...

- The late **Bob Cody**, Ames, our landlord for our downtown storage facility. Bob never raised our rent in the 18 years we have rented from him – and the rate has been well below market. He has been a true benefactor for the Museum!
- The **Cemetery Walk Committee** – Casie Vance, Sharon Wirth, Luanne Endreman and partners Tim Grandon/Grandon Funeral Home and the Story County Genealogical Society.
- **Constance Abelson** who donated four Ames High Spirit yearbooks that were on our wish list: 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1928.
- The Hoggatt School **pre-season cleaning crew**: Sharon Wirth, Ryan Riley, Glenn Sibbel and Becky Jordan.
- **Greater Iowa Credit Union** for sponsoring the Summer at Hoggatt Programs.
- Our **Lecture Series presenters**, all of whom donated their time and research: Peter Hallock (on Rowena & John Stevens), Tammy Koolbeck and Warren Madden (on Stephens Auditorium), Linda McCann (on the CCC in Iowa) and Edie Hunter (on the Morris farm annexation). *Note: Edie would be willing to give her talk to local groups. Contact her at ehunter@iastate.edu.*
- **Jim Lester** for providing music with his Wurlitzer carousel organ at the Ice Cream Social.

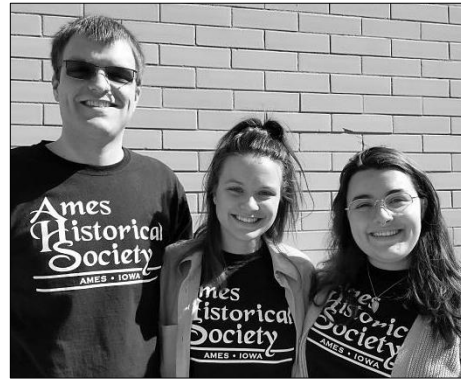
PS – Lecture Series is Online

With the Museum staff placing more and more of our videos on YouTube, those who were unable to attend our 2019 series may view the lectures on YouTube. Search 'Ames Historical Society' and scroll through the listings. Many films to choose from!



The Museum rolled the History Trailer through the July 4 parade on Main Street. A walking banner promoted the upcoming exhibit, 'UNCORKED.'

Our Summer Interns



The staff has been very pleased to have Iowa State students interning at the museum this summer. L to R: Lucas Ruby (History major), Lauren Jones

(History major), and Julia Martell (Biological Premedical Illustration major). Lucas and Julia are working with collections; Lauren with events.

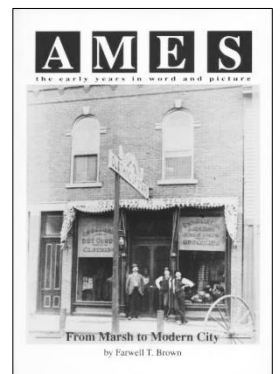
See Photo Exhibit through August 3

At the Museum, *Exploring Historic Ames: Unique Selections from the Farwell T. Brown Photographic Archive* will close after Saturday, August 3. Last chance to see this fascinating display!



FTB Book #1 Back in Stock

Long out of print, Farwell Brown's first history book about Ames has been updated and reprinted and is now available in the Museum Shop. It is \$20. Books #2 and #3 are also available at the special price of \$10 each or both for \$18. If you purchase all three books, they are \$35 for the set. These special prices are good through August 31. Stop in to see what else is available in the Museum Shop!



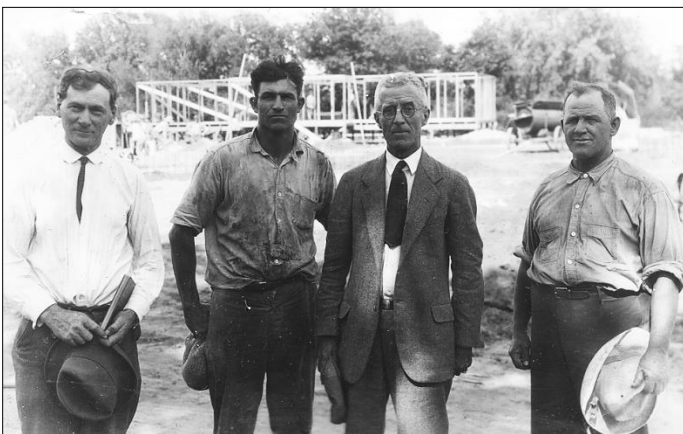
Ames Pools and Pool Referendums

Before 1926, Ames kids had several places to swim. North of Ames was Lake Comar, a popular man-made swimming area fed by an artesian-well. The Skunk River and Squaw Creek also accommodated swimmers when the water was high.

The additional spot favored by kids around 1916 was the deep hole where builder Emmet Carr was pumping sand out of the Skunk River for paving Ames streets.

Carr was distressed to find children using the sand pit but had no practical way to keep children out. Around 1925, several near-drownings prompted the community to think about building a pool.

In March 1926, a pool referendum was included with a city election. A bond issue of \$15,000 was proposed. Despite strong support from town and campus leaders, only 940 voters came to the polls and 615 voted "no." One can only conclude that Mother Nature's facilities were deemed good enough for Ames children.



So Emmet Carr (above, right) and his wife, Alpha announced in May 1926 that they would build a 60 x 175 foot swimming pool on their land. They owned 45 acres along two sides of the Skunk River in the area that would later become East 16th Street.

Efforts to secure financing for Emmet's project failed but local contractors knew and trusted Emmet. They agreed to furnish labor and materials and delay payments until after the pool was built and operating. Carr's Pool officially opened July 4, 1926.

That was just 37 days after Emmet's announcement. He became the operator and manager.



In the early 1950's, Carr, at age 74, began thinking of retiring and in 1952 offered to sell the pool to the City. There was another referendum and despite the popularity of the pool, it too was voted down.

Emmet's daughter, Donna, then took a stronger role in managing the pool and after he died in 1957, Donna's nephew, Gary Carr managed the pool. In 1966, the indoor pool at the high school was built, jointly run by the city and school district.

In March 1972, the City of Ames finally purchased the pool for \$69,270 and transferred management to the Parks and Recreation Department.

In 1976 serious needed repairs threatened to close Carr pool. Reminiscent of the volunteers that helped Carr build the pool in 1926, volunteers again came forward in 1977 to repair a leaking pipe that kept the pool open and operating.

In 1982-83, major structural renovations marked the final year of the original pool basin after 56 years of operation. Volunteers rebuilt the pool and provided paving improvements, concrete surfacing and a modern bath house facility.

A continual theme in the Carr's Pool story is the matter of failed swimming facility referendums.

There was the 1926 rejection that launched Carr's Pool. Then, when Emmet wanted to retire, there was the 1952 proposal to buy the pool for \$50,000 that did not pass.

In 1958, a year after Emmet died, the Chamber of Commerce studied the issue of swimming facilities but no initiatives came from it.

In 1977, there was a bond issue vote to repair Carr's, buy and upgrade the old Country Club pool and build a new pool in west Ames. This also failed, prompting the volunteer repair effort at Carr's.

By 2005, swimming facilities were woefully undersized for the growing community, but a referendum that proposed both indoor and outdoor facilities was rejected as being too extravagant.

Finally, in July 2007, an \$8.5 million bond issue for a downsized aquatic center was approved. Donald and Ruth Furman donated \$2 million and a \$1 million gift came from an anonymous donor. The Furman Aquatic Center (below) opened in 2010.



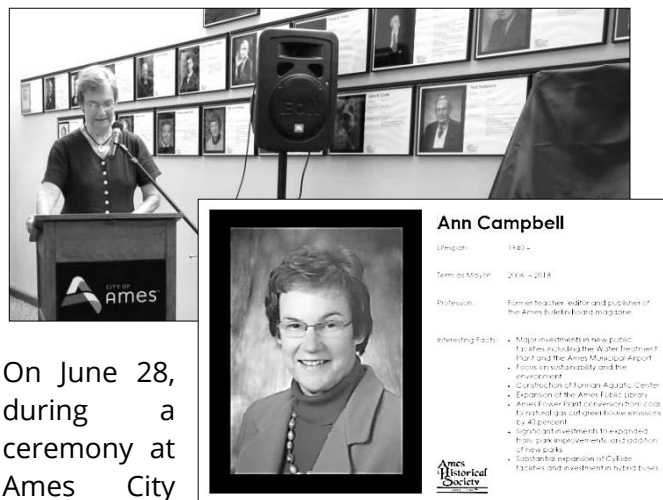
After the 2007 bond issue passed, there was the question of what would become of Carr Pool, which closed after the 2009 season. A dedicated group made a valiant effort to keep it but the movement gained no traction among major donors or City Council. In 2012, the Carr pool basin was demolished. The bath house was saved for re-use and the area around it was filled in and developed into parkland adjacent to the River Valley bike trail. A pool historical marker has been placed at the site.

Still not completely resolved in 2019 is what will replace the city and school district's shared indoor pool at the high school that will reach the end of its useful life in 2022. Although the school district will build a new indoor pool with the construction of the new high school, it will not be open to the public.

It remains to be seen how this year's September 10 vote will come out for the proposed Healthy Life Center which includes several indoor pools. Will the history of failed referendums continue? Or will Ames citizens catch the vision and take a big step forward?

Museum News

Campbell Added to Mayor Exhibit



On June 28, during a ceremony at Ames City Hall, a panel

detailing former mayor Ann Campbell's accomplishments was added to the exhibit of Mayors. The 42 panels, one each for all of Ames' mayors, are on first floor and may be viewed any time City Hall is open. Museum staff and volunteers created the exhibit.

Barnes Adds to His Collection

Ames High basketball stand-out Harrison Barnes, Class of 2010, has had a successful college and professional career in the NBA. Since he left Ames, he has played for the North Carolina Tar Heels, the Golden State Warriors, the Dallas Mavericks and the Sacramento Kings. Barnes has donated key artifacts from his career to the Museum – most recently, a Kings jersey with his number. Barnes is famous locally for his summer reading program for kids.

Barnes shown here with Museum Board and staff.



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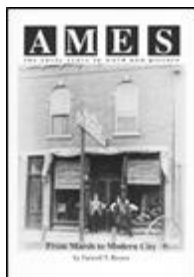
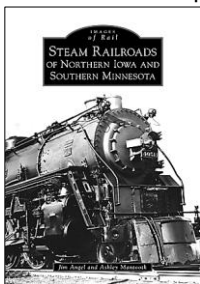
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NEW BOOKS

- ♦ Farwell Brown's 1st book, back in print,
Ames: From Marsh to Modern City –\$20
- ♦ **Steam Railroads of Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota** - features several railways, including the Chicago & Northwestern

GAMES, BOOKS, MUGS, TEES & MORE

Many unique Ames-related items may be selected in our Shop – great for hostess gifts.

Stuff for both kids and adults – take a look!
Open hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm



Folks of all ages enjoyed activities at Hoggatt School's opening day on June 9.

Is it time to renew your membership?

Renewals are due on the one-year anniversary of last year's payment. Check this newsletter's label (above your name) for the date yours is due. Memberships fund the day-to-day operations of the Museum, so we can continue to be a valued community resource. Now – pay online on our website!

Introductory - 1st year	\$15	Partner	\$250
Basic	\$30	Benefactor	\$500
Friend	\$50	Patron	\$1,000
Sustaining	\$100		

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